(d) A proposal for setting up of an independent regulatory body for coal sector is under consideration of the Government. Setting up of a regulator involves enactment of legislation by the Parliament. Appointment of an independent regulator for coal sector would result in more optimal development and conservation of coal resources, more effective regulation, adoption of best mining practices, rational pricing, better distribution, evolution of a more competitive market etc. It would also help in creating a level playing field for new entrants in the coal sector.

Allocation of coal blocks

1642. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated several coal blocks to power genera'tion companies for exploration at their respective captive mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof, showing the size of coal blocks allocated to respective companies, the basic terms and conditions and consideration for such allotment, during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether these allottees have developed the mines, as per the terms of allotment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the action taken and/or contemplated against those allottees who failed to comply with the conditions, showing their identities; and

(f) the salient details of revision in extant policy contemplated, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of coal blocks with geological reserves allocated to various public/private sector companies for power generation during the last five years is given in the Statement (*See* below). The basic terms and conditions of allocation of coal blocks, *inter-alia*, include that the coal extracted from the blocks should be used exclusively in the specified end-use by the allocattee and that the coal block has to be developed as per the milestones prescribed.

(c) and (d) The coal blocks allocated are in different stages of development.

(e) As per the guidelines, coal production from a coal block should commence within 36 months (42 months in case the area falls in forest land) in case of open cast mines and in 48 months (54 months in case the area falls in forest land) in case of under ground mine, from the date of allocation. If the coal block is not explored, additional two years are allowed for detailed exploration and preparation of geological report. The allocatees of coal blocks, who have not started production so far, are in various stages of obtaining statutory clearances and mining lease, preparing mining plan, acquisition of land, procuring machinery and equipment etc. for both mining as well as end-use project. Further, the progress of development of coal blocks and end

use projects of the allocattee companies are monitored and reviewed from time to time by the Ministry of Coal. The last such review meeting was held on 22nd and 23rd June, 2009.

(f) The Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2008, which seeks to introduce competitive bidding system for allocation of coal block, was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 17.10.2008. Once that system is adopted, the block allocattees would have to pay a premium by way of the bid amount which would act as an additional incentive to bring the coal blocks allocated into production expeditiously.

Statement

Details of Coal blocks alongwith geological reserves

allocated to various companies

Sl.No.	Name of the Company	Date of Allotment	Name of coal block allocated	End-Use	Geological Reserves (In MT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
			2004-05		
1	NALCO	27.08.2004	Utkal 'E'	Power	194
2	CSEB	23.09.2004	Gidhmuri	Power	80.27
3	CSEB	23.09.2004	Patoria	Power	269.25
4	NTPC	11.10.2004	Pakri-Barwadih	Power	1600
5	Damodar Valley Corporation	03.03.2005	Barjora (North)	Power	85.49
6	Damodar Valley Corporation	03.03.2005	Kagra Joydev	Power	196.15
7	Damodar Valley Corporation	03.03.2005	Kasta (East)	Power	105
			2005-06		
8	WBPDCL	26.04.2005	Pachvara North	Power	125.71
9	MCL	10.11.2005	Talabira II	Power	152.33
10	NLC	10.11.2005	Talabira II	Power	
11	Hindalco Industries	10.11.2005	Talabira II	Power	
12	MCL	29.11.2005	Utkal-A	Power	
13	JSW Steels Ltd./ Jindal Thermal Power Ltd.	29.11.2005	Utkal-A	Power	333.4

1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Jindal Stainless Steel Ltd.	29.11.2005	Utkal-A	Power	
15	Shyam DRI Ltd.	29.11.2005	Utkal-A	Power	
16	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd.	06.12.2005	Tadicherla-I	Power	61.28
17	Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd.	13.01.2006	Gondulpara	Power	140
18	Damodar Valley Corporation	13.01.2006	Gondulpara	Power	
19	NTPC	25.01.2006	Talaipali	Power	965
20	NTPC	25.01.2006	Kerandari	Power	229
21	NTPC	25.01.2006	Chatti Bariatu	Power	243
22	NTPC	25.01.2006	Dulanga	Power	260
23	NTPC+CIL JV	25.01.2006	Brahmini	Power	1900
24	NTPC +CIL JV	25.01.2006	Chichro Patsimal	Power	356
25	GSECL	06.02.2006 Machhakata	Mahanadi	Power	480
26	MSEB	06.02.2006	Mahanadi Machhakata	Power	720
			2006-07		
27	Essar Power Ltd.	12.04.2006	Mahan	Power	144.2
28	Hindalco Industries	12.04.2006	Mahan	Power	
29	Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board	02.08.2006	Parsa	Power	150
30	Maharastra State Mining Corpn.	02.08.2006	Gare Pelma Sector II	Power	768
31	Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board	02.08.2006	Gare Pelma Sector II	Power	
32	Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited	02.08.2006	Rajbar E&D	Power	385
33	Jharkhand State Electricity Board	02.08.2006	Banhardih	Power	400
34	NCT of Delhi	02.08.2006	Mara II Mahan	Power	477.50

1	2	3	4	5	6
35	Haryana Power Generation Corp Ltd.	02.08.2006	Mara II Mahan	Power	477.50
36	Power Finance Corporation Orissa UMPP	13.09.2006	Meenakshi	Power	285.24
37	Power Finance Corporation Orissa UMPP	13.09.2006	Meenakshi B	Power	250
38	Power Finance Corporation Orissa UMPP	13.09.2006	Dip side of Meenakshi	Power	350
39	Power Finance Corporation Sasan UMPP	13.09.2006	Moher	Power	402
40	Power Finance Corporation Sasan UMPP	13.09.2006	Moher-Amlori Extn.	Power	198
41	Power Finance Corporation Sasan UMPP	26.10.2006	Chhatrasal	Power	150
42	Essar Power Generation Ltd.	20.02.2007	Chakla	Power	83.05
43	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	20.02.2007	Jitpur	Power	81.09
44	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd.	20.02.2007	Anesttipali	Power	26.89
45	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd.	20.02.2007	Punkula-Chilka	Power	38.11
			2007-08		
46	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd.	29.05.2007	Penagaddppa	Power	110.87
47	UPRVUNL	25.07.2007	Chendipada, Chendi-II	Power	794.5
48	CMDC	25.07.2007	Chendipada, Chendi-II	Power	500

1	2	3	4	5	6
49	MAHAGENCO Chendi-II	25.07.2007	Chendipada,	Power	294.5
50	Kerala State Electricity Board	25.07.2007	Baitarni West	Power	200.66
51	Orissa Hydro Power Generation Corp.	25.07.2007	Baitarni West	Power	200.66
52	Gujarat Power Generation Corp.	25.07.2007	Baitarni West	Power	200.66
53	Assam Mineral Dev. Corp.	25.07.2007	Mandakini B	Power	300
54	Meghalaya Mineral Dev. Corp.	25.07.2007	Mandakini B	Power	300
55	Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board	25.07.2007	Mandakini B	Power	300
56	Orissa Mining Corporation	25.07.2007	Mandakini B	Power	300
57	NTPC	25.07.2007	Chhati Bariatu South	Power	354
58	Damodar Valley Corporation	25.07.2007	Saharpur Jamarpani	Power	600
59	Orissa Power Generation Corporation	25.07.2007	Manoharpur	Power	181.68
60	Orissa Power Generation Corporation	25.07.2007	Dipside Manoharpur	Power	350
61	GMDC	25.07.2007	Naini	Power	500
62	PIPDICL	25.07.2007	Naini	Power	
63	JSEB	25.07.2007	Urma Paharitora	Power	437
64	BSMDCL	25.07.2007	Urma Paharitora	Power	263
65	RRVUNL	25.06.2007	Parsa East	Power	180
66	RRVUNL	25.06.2007	Kanta Basan	Power	180
67	Power Finance Corporation Talaiya UMPP Jharkhand	20.07.2007	Kerandari BC	Power	972

1	2	3	4	5	6
68	Hindalco	01.08.2007	Tubed	Power	189
69	Tata Power Ltd.	01.08.2007	Tubed	Power	
70	Essar Power Ltd.	06.11.2007	Ashok Karkatta Central	Power	110
71	Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd.	06.11.2007	Patal East	Power	200
72	AES Chhattisgarh Energy Pvt. Ltd.	06.11.2007	Sayang	Power	150
73	DB Power Ltd.	06.11.2007	Durgapur II/Sarya	Power	91.67
74	Balco	06.11.2007	Durgapur II/Taraimar	Power	211.37
75	Adani Power Ltd.	06.11.2007	Lohara West Extn.	Power	169.832
76	Monet Ispat and Energy Ltd.	09.01.2008	Mandakini	Power	96.84
77	Jindal Photo Ltd.	09.01.2008	Mandakini	Power	96.84
78	Tata Power Company Ltd.	09.01.2008	Mandakini	Power	96.84
79	Arcelor Mittal India Ltd.	09.01.2008	Seregarha	Power	83.33
80	GVK Power (Govindwal Sahib) Ltd.	09.01.2008	Seregarha	Power	66.67
81	CESC Ltd.	09.01.2008	Mahuagarhi	Power	110
82	Jas Infracture Capital Pvt. Ltd.	09.01.2008	Mahuagarhi	Power	
83	Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.	17.01.2008	Amarkonda Murgadangal	Power	205
84	Gagan Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd.	17.01.2008	Amarkonda Murgadangal	Power	205
85	Sterlite Energy Ltd. (IPP)	17.01.2008	Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia	Power	112.22
86	GMR Energy (IPP)	17.01.2008	Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia	Power	112.22
87	Arcealor Mittal India Ltd., (CPP)	17.01.2008	Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia	Power	84.16
88	Lanco Group Ltd. (IPP)	17.01.2008	Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia	Power	112.22

1	2	3	4	5	6
89	Navbharat Power Pvt Ltd. (IPP)	17.01.2008	Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia	Power	112.22
90	Reliance Energy Ltd. (IPP)	17.01.2008	Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia	Power	112.22
91	JLD Yavatmal Energy Ltd.	23.01.2008	Fatehpur East	Power	99.12
92	R.K.M. Powergen Pvt. Ltd.	23.01.2008	Fatehpur East	Power	99.12
93	Visa Power Ltd.	23.01.2008	Fatehpur East	Power	99.12
94	Green Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	23.01.2008	Fatehpur East	Power	99.12
95	Vandana Vidyut Ltd.	23.01.2008	Fatehpur East	Power	53.52
96	SKS Ispat and Power Ltd.	06.02.2008	Fatehpur	Power	73.85
97	Prakash Industries Ltd.	06.02.2008	Fatehpur	Power	46.15
			2008-09		
98	MAHAGENCO (M/s Aurangabad Co. Ltd., SPY)	17.07.2008	Bhivkund	Power	100
99	Goa Industrial Development Corporation	12.11.2008	Gare Pelma Sector III	Power	210.2
100	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited	27.02.2009	East of Damogoria (Kalyaneshwari)	Power	337

Environmental clearance to coal mining operations

1643. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether prior clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests is presently mandatory for the coal mining undertakings to carry out mining operations;

(b) the details of proposals submitted by Coal India Ltd. and/or its subsidiaries for environmental clearance during the last five years, showing the number of proposals cleared and those pending, year-wise;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to streamline the procedure of clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests with a view to speed up implantation of coal mining projects;